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CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Mr. Steve Ritchie, Executive Director
Cal-Fed Bay Delta Program
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

Cal-Fed must acknowledge that California farmland is a valuable environmental resource. The current plan would eliminate a quarter of a million acres of productive land! I don't believe that Cal-Fed has clearly thought through the environmental impact of this conversion. It is imperative that the proposed plan look for ways to reduce the loss of farmland.

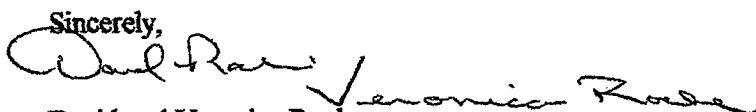
We are in a unique time in our history with rapidly growing communities, environmental concerns, and an increasingly hostile attitude toward the good people that provide the food we eat, our farmers. We believe that all sides can be accommodated. That we can take care of both the farmers and the environment at the same time.

With the demand for water increasing due to development, etc. Cal-Fed has to develop water storage with adequate yield. This will assure water in dry years so that our food providers will be able to continue bring us the best food in the world.

I strongly urge Cal-Fed to hold public hearings and clearly explain its intentions before they are finalized. Cal-Fed should state its changes and the impact those changes will have on people. It would be appropriate for Cal-Fed to give us the opportunity to thoroughly review and discuss it.

Thank you for attention to this critically important issue.

Sincerely,



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